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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES REPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL WITH MINOR CORRECTIONS

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Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) releases, with only minor technical corrections, the reports showing the model-based Connect America support amounts offered to rate-of-return carriers originally released on August 3, 2016. Specifically, we show a revised support amount for Fremont Telecom (Fremont) and correct the short names previously assigned to seven study areas. No other changes were made and all other companies' support amounts remain the same.

First, the broadband coverage file utilized in the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (A-CAM) v2.3 did not recognize Fremont's FCC Form 477 data as its own data within its study area.² The revised coverage in A-CAM v2.3.1 properly recognizes Fremont's data and results in a revised support amount and revised deployment obligations for Fremont.³

Second, the short name (i.e., "holding company") corrections do not affect any carrier's support.⁴ The short names for West River Coop Telecom and West River Telecom in South Dakota had been reversed.⁵ In addition, Odgen Telephone in Michigan and Odgen Telephone in Iowa previously had the same short name, but are not affiliated. Similarly, La Harpe Telephone in Illinois and La Harpe Telephone in Kansas previously had the same short name, but are not affiliated. Finally, the short name for Dixon Telephone was changed to reflect its acquisition by Central Scott Telephone and their respective support amounts are combined in the statewide offer report.⁶

For additional information on this proceeding, contact Katie King (<u>Katie.King@fcc.gov</u>) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-7400.

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¹ Available at https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM 231 Offer Rprt 8 0 PUBLIC.xlsx. A list of census blocks eligible for model-based support is available at https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/ACAM231 CB funded Yes list 081516.zip. See also, Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Support Amounts Offered to Rate-of-Return Carriers to Expand Rural Broadband, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, DA 16-869 (WCB rel. Aug. 3, 2016).

² Fremont uses study area code (SAC) 472222 when it files its FCC Form 477 data, but the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) uses SAC 473333 to disburse universal service funding to Fremont. The A-CAM uses SAC 473333.

³ There were no changes to the model; the new version number reflects that there only was an input change.

⁴ The "holding company" list includes affiliated entities with common ownership, as well as holding companies.

⁵ West River Telecom in North Dakota is now affiliated with its correct South Dakota study area.

⁶ Combining the study areas changes their statewide density in Iowa.